

June 17, 2003

Dear Planning Commission,

Salt Flat is a fully developed rural residential neighborhood. Currently, all parcels are owned, taxes are paid, residents maintain the roads, and enjoy a very quiet, private community.

The general consensus in our Lewiston community of Salt Flat is: No public access, ever. Since as far back as 1990 in a letter to Trinity County Planning our desire to keep Salt Flat private property with No Public Access was expressed quite clearly and our views haven't wavered. It is our desire to protect our privacy in a pristine wilderness.

Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 place BLM right in the middle of our lives. Any group such as (RCD)Resource Conservation District, (RC&D)Resource Conservation and Development Group, Nor-Rel Muk Wintu Group, Lewiston Trails Group, McBain and Trush working with Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management, (TAMWG) Trinity Adaptive Management Workshop Group and a host of other contractors or cooperators of BLM would enjoy the same access privileges for authorized activities as any BLM employee.

Attachment A is a letter written about the desecration to the Natural Bridge in Hayfork published in the Trinity Journal. At this time the Nor Rel Muk Indian Cemetery site is in a protected area near Salt Flat, accessible by Rush Creek entrance.

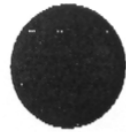
Attachment B, C and D are photographs of pollution found within the last 2 weeks at designated public access sites in Lewiston, Cemetery Hole, Old Lewiston Bridge and Bucktail Hole. Photos are proof of public impact which include remnants of human waste in the form of plastic, paper, tin, aluminum, food products and excrement with toilet tissue by river's edge.

Please seek the Proposed Action. The existing bridge was built and paid for by the Salt Flat Property Owners. It is functional, private, and on private property with no deed amendment, restriction, special agreement or attachment. From all accounts the reasonable action would be the proposed action or no action. Keep our bridge private. We have the right to quiet enjoyment of our land and homes.

I am requesting also as an added bonus that the Planning Commission investigate the possible collusion between the County and the Bureau of Reclamation /BLM interest for the development of the rock tailings between Salt Flat and Goose Ranch Road. If the BOR insists on Salt Flat residents signing any kind of use permit with BLM to use the bridge under the Alternative actions or any new actions created later, we would be subject to a litany of trespassers, heavy equipment noise, disturbance of potentially dangerous residue from mining and significant infringement on our right to enjoy our lands in a private manner.

Kristi A. Bevard, Salt Flat Resident

Lewiston - Bucktail Hole (Day Use)

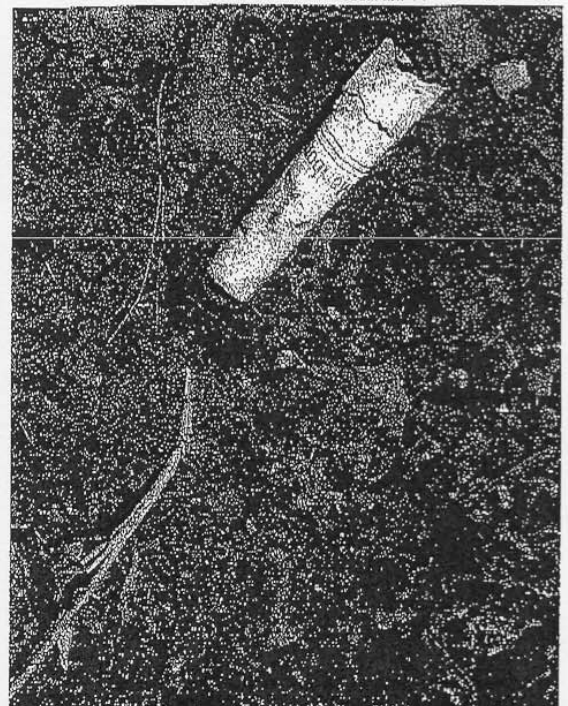
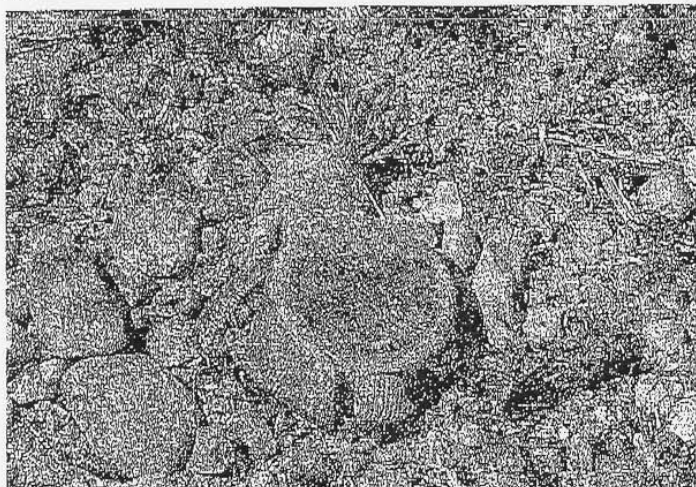
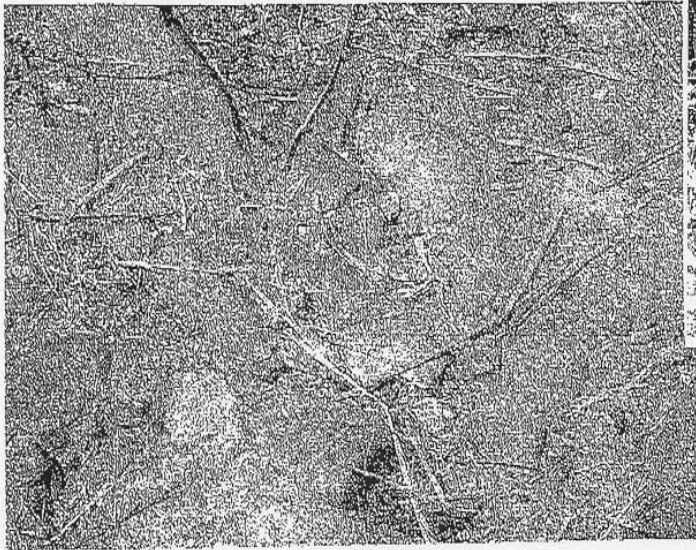


Lewiston - Cemetery Hole (Day Use)

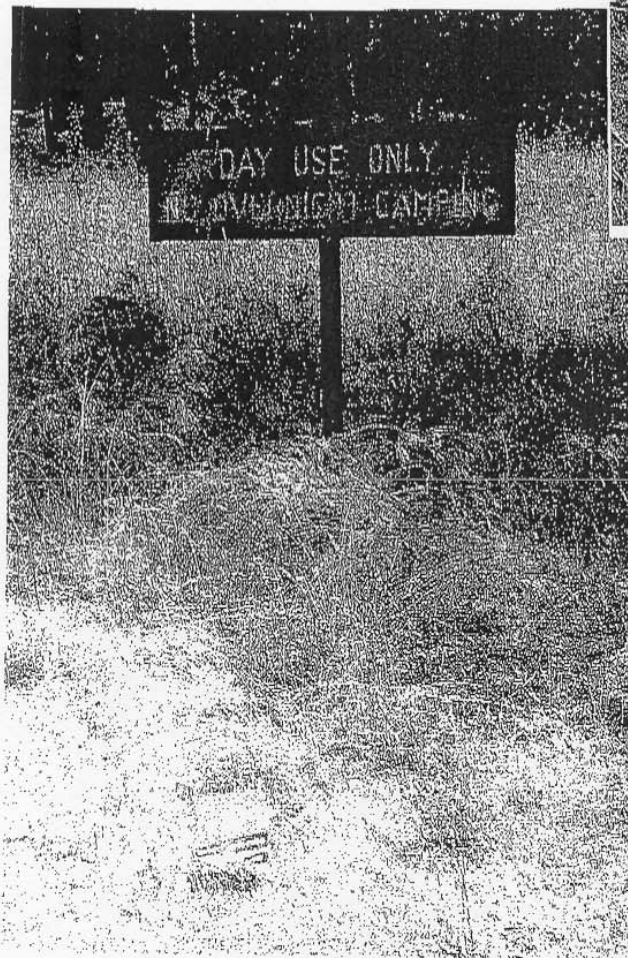


Lewiston - Old Bridge (Day Use)

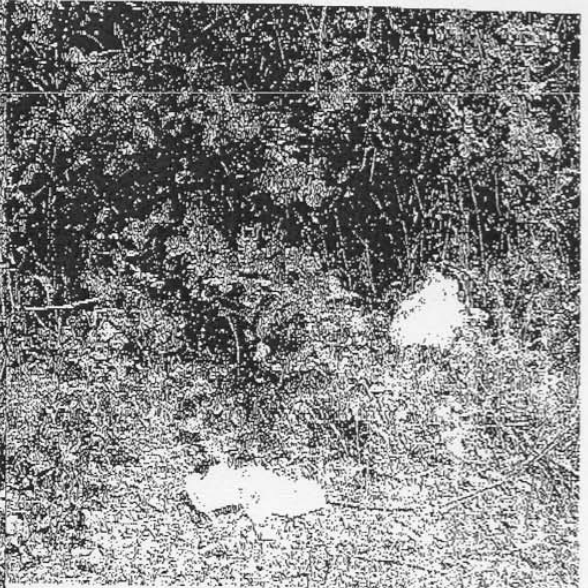
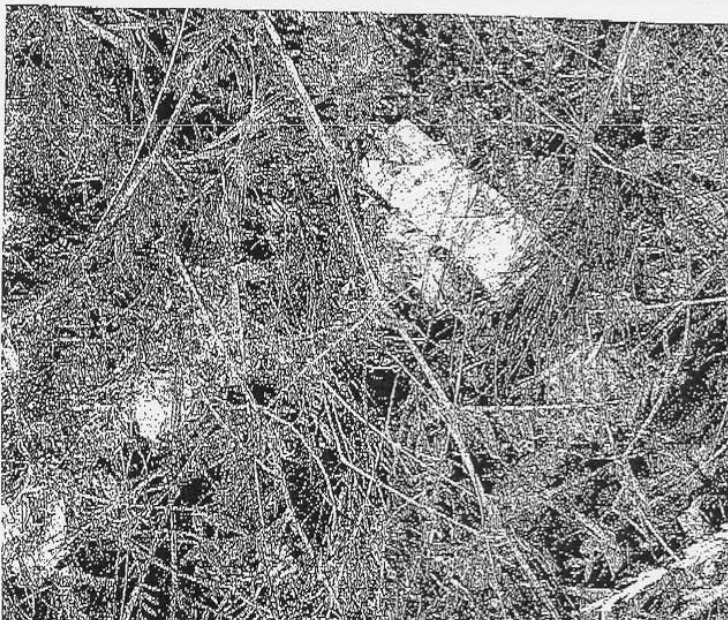
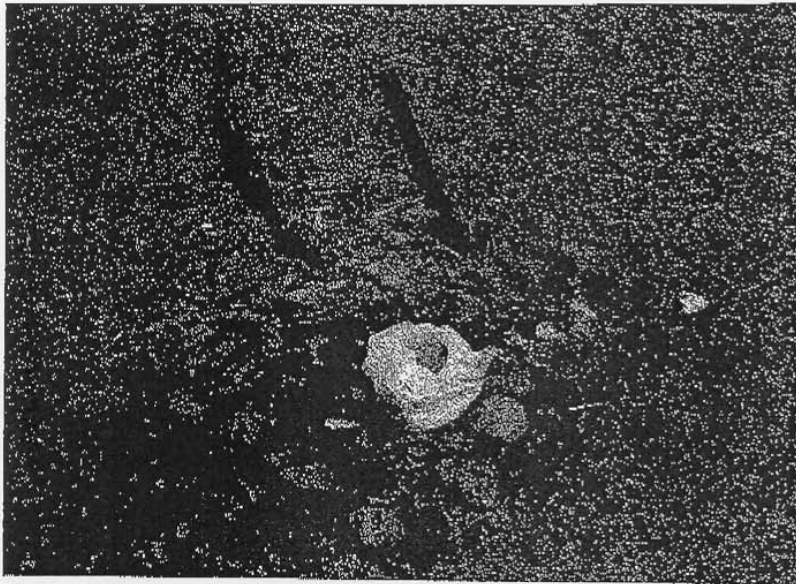
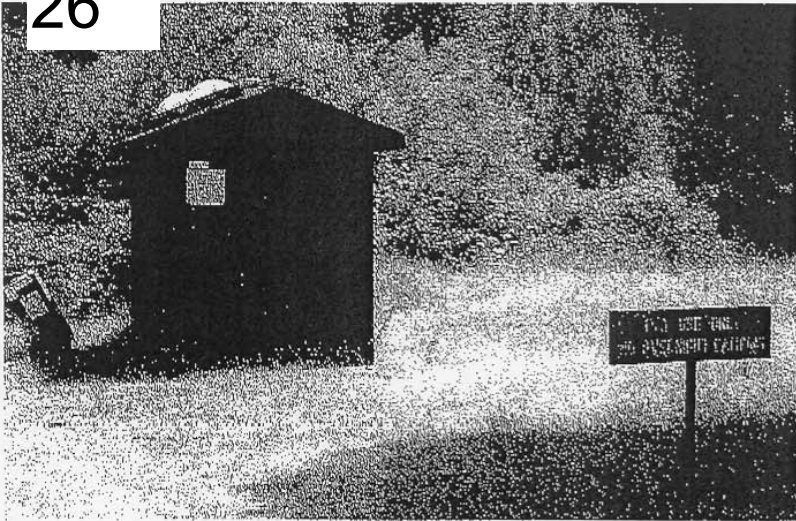
Litter found during daylight hours
between June 8 and June 16, 2003



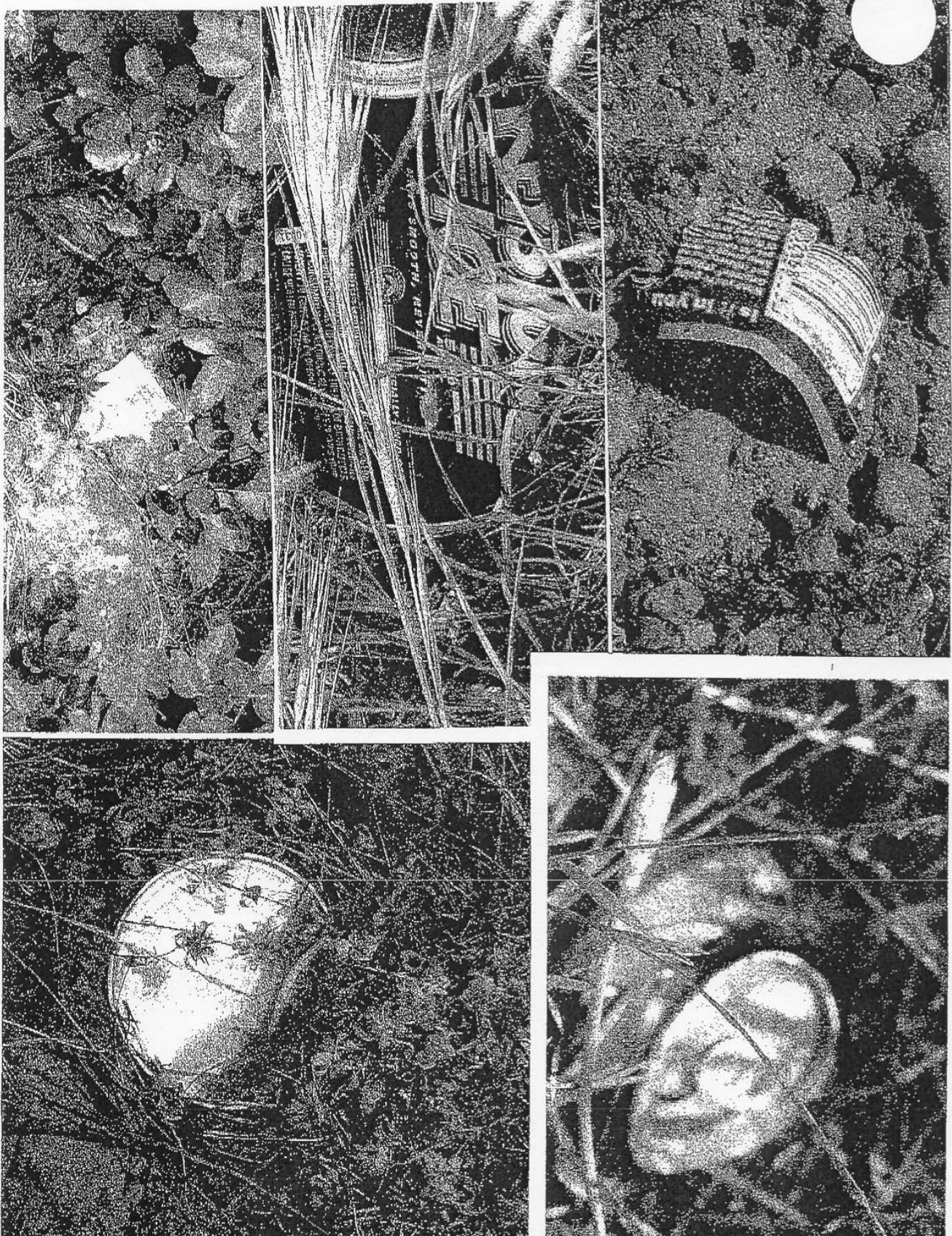




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'Destruction for its own sake is truly most sad'



FROM BECKY HALL
HYAMPOM

I find the defacement of public and historic landmarks, not to mention sacred Indian sites, to be a slap in the face to every citizen of this country—no, of this planet. Isn't it enough that we have covered this country with asphalt, concrete, superhighways and shopping malls, and are destroying the very air we breathe, without the wanton destruction of natural and historic places?

I came into this world with high hopes and, after 52 years, still believe that most of us are decent, caring people, and that those who

would deface nature's beauty are in the minority. In the meantime, to those who do these dastardly acts of vandalism, I say "Shame, shame on you." I hope your mothers don't know what they have raised and put out into our society. If my children did these things, I would be mortified.

Please excuse my use of 25-cent words. I'm sure that the morons responsible for these deeds do not have the intellect to understand them, but I must vent.

I thought that nothing was more depressing than the loss of nature that is called progress. I was wrong. Destruction for its own sake is truly most sad.

Indian Site

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—Lewiston Sluice Box

By KATIE QUINN 778-3307 katieq@snowcrest.net

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to say thanks to a few men and women here in our county who have helped to make a small dream of mine come true.

In my ongoing battle against litter, I got pretty tired of picking up trash at the Cemetery Hole fishing access on Goose Ranch Road. Sometimes, to my disgust, I found human excrement under the paper and cans I was picking up. There is no place for the fisherman to go to, well, "go." There is no place to put their trash — other than taking it home. Duh.

So I called a friend from the Department of Fish and Game to ask him about the situation and was told that the County of Trinity had the maintenance of that particular fishing access. It even says so right on the sign posted at Cemetery Hole. "Maintained by the County of Trinity." I set about figuring out who specifically maintained it and what their definition of "maintenance" meant.

I called a few offices at the county and no one knew anything about maintaining the access. I heard rumors of a signed agreement for the maintenance but no one at the county had seen that either. Finally, I called Phil Warner, a supervisor with Fish and Game, and he was sent me a copy of the signed maintenance agreement.

It is a 25-year agreement between the State of California, Department of Fish and Game,

and the County of Trinity and it applies to both Cemetery Hole and to the fishing access by the Old Lewiston Bridge. The contract was effective on Sept. 27, 1976. The Board of Supervisors approved it at that time: Roger W. Adrian, Audrey D. Bush, Eugene Wixson and Gus C. Yutz.

I forwarded copies of the agreement to the general services department and to county planning. Since no one at either location had ever seen a copy of the agreement it meant that no one had ever upheld the agreement. In the process of talking to many people, I had a nice conversation with Marla at the Weaverville office of the U.S. Forest Service. Marla has the responsibility of all the areas around Trinity and Lewiston lakes that require porta-pots and trash cans. After listening to my tale of frustration, she was willing to lend a trash can and bags to be used at Cemetery Hole in the event that no one stepped up to the responsibility. She also suggested that I contact John Jelich at county planning. A very good suggestion. John knew what I was talking about, and he agreed to forward a copy of the agreement to County Counsel David Hammer, to County Administrative Officer Jeanne Nix-Temple, and suggested that I contact my county supervisor, Chris Erikson.

A half hour later, I received a call from Chris and he had received a faxed copy of the

agreement from John. He and I had a good conversation, and he said he'd get back with me in a couple of days. This is where it gets a bit fuzzy because I am not sure who did what and who spoke to whom, but Chris called several days later to tell me what had been worked out. John Whitacre from general services stepped up and said his department would fund a porta-pot and trash can at Cemetery Hole. The porta-pot will be serviced every two weeks.

Members from the Lewiston De Litter Bugs have agreed to empty the trash can as needed for now. Two more trashcans will be provided in the Old Lewiston area, one by the fishing access area and one near the Old Bridge. The restroom located at the Old Bridge fishing access will be opened for events, such as the Bridge Lighting, and during the summer. The county will provide all the cleaning equipment and the Lewiston Merchants Association has agreed to keep the restroom clean.

All of these things will happen next week. A small dream will come true. I send my thanks to Chris Erikson, John Jelich, Phil Warner, Marla, John Whitacre, Bernard Aguilar and the wonderful people in Lewiston who have stepped up to assist. I hope the county will continue their support after this agreement expires in September 2001. After all, they had a 24-year respite.

Litter

RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 26

Kristi Bevard

26-a: This comment letter is identical to Comment 9. Please refer to comment 9.